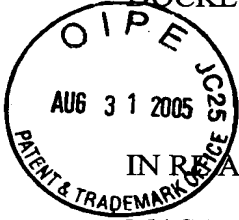


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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begin on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.